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For : LARGE-HEAT-INPUT BUTT WELDED JOINTS  
HAVING EXCELLENT BRITTLE FRACTURE  
RESISTANCE  
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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §41.31(a)**

SIR:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated April 29, 2009 of the Examiner finally rejecting claims 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 in the above-identified patent application.

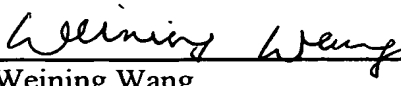
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